

MEMO

Date: January 15, 2021
To: Service Delivery Organizations – Leadership, PCH Operators
From: Dr. Perry Gray, Chief Medical Officer, Shared Health
Re: **COVID 19 – PPE Guidance for Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures – Long Term Care and Community**

To ensure health care workers are not identified as high-risk contacts following an aerosol-generating medical procedure (AGMP) in a GREEN ZONE **resident or client** who later tests positive for COVID-19, all staff required to be present during an AGMP must now wear an N95 respirator and eye protection.

For clarity, this updated guidance does not alter the PPE that should be worn by designated family caregivers visiting residents with continuous AGMPs. Designated family caregivers should continue to be permitted to visit and should wear a procedure mask and eye protection, provided by the facility.

In Long Term Care and Community settings, N95s are to be worn for extended use, including following an AGMP in Green Zone residents and clients and can be used for repeated interactions with multiple individuals.

- Change N95 following breaks and intubation and if it becomes wet, damaged or soiled.

A private room or airborne infection isolation room (AIIR) are not required for Green Zone AGMPs in residents admitted for longer than 14 days or in client residences.

The use of an N95 respirator in these situations **DOES NOT** result in the resident or client being considered Orange Zone.

This direction also does not change any recommendations regarding patients in which the “Same Day, Next Day” rule for AGMPs apply. Refer to: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-agmps-and-negative-test.pdf>.

Required PPE for non-AGMP care with Green Zone residents and clients is also unchanged (extended wear procedure mask and eye protection).